

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

1-Mr. Conrad-Enc.
1-Mr. Frazier-Enc.
1-Office, 7133-Enc.
DATE: 4-5-68

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TO : Mr. Conrad *JWC*

FROM : R. H. Jevons *RHJ*

SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECT;
also known as John Willard;
MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. -
VICTIM; CIVIL RIGHTS

Sixtyeight items were received from the Memphis Office today in connection with this case. They consisted of a bullet from the victim's body, a .30-06 Springfield caliber Remington "Gamemaster" slide-action rifle, Model 760, Serial Number 461476, with a Redfield telescope sight attached, bearing Serial Number A17350, several loaded .30-06 caliber cartridges of both commercial and military types, a bedspread, a suitcase containing numerous toilet articles, maps, a newspaper section, a binocular, towel, handkerchief, a pair of socks, two cans of beer, purchased in Mississippi, and several miscellaneous items. In addition to the above, three twenty-dollar bills were submitted for fingerprint examination.

The bullet from King's body is a .30 caliber metal-jacketed, soft point, sporting type rifle bullet, similar in all remaining characteristics to the bullets in five of the loaded cartridges found in the suitcase referred to above. This suitcase was recovered by the Memphis Police Department after being abandoned in the vicinity of 424 South Main Street. A cartridge case found in this suitcase was identified as having been fired in the Remington rifle referred to above which was also abandoned at this address.

Based on general rifling impressions, the bullet from King's body could have been fired from the Remington rifle but due to mutilation of the bullet, insufficient marks of value for identification remain and it was not possible to determine definitely whether or not the fatal bullet came from this rifle. This conclusion was reached independently by three of the Laboratory's firearms examiners.

Enclosure

1-Mr. Tolson

1-Mr. Mohr

1-Mr. DeLoach

1-Mr. Rosen

1-Mr. Bishop

1-Mr. Martindale

1-Mr. Trotter

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The Memphis Office requested the Laboratory to determine the sources of many of the items submitted. These examinations are going forward. Some of the items submitted contained hair and foreign fibers of possible value for comparison with suspect's hair and clothing; however, to date, we have received no suspect's hair or clothing for comparison.

All hairs recovered to date are of Caucasian origin rather than of Negroid or other origin.

All material received has been photographed and where appropriate, has been or is being examined for latent fingerprints.

The Memphis Office is being furnished a teletype concerning the firearms, hair and fiber, soil and document examinations today.

ACTION: None. For information.

[Handwritten initials and signatures]